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FROM MATTHEW TALBOT.

May yo. 12th. 1758

DR SIR

When Hawkins Letter Came away I had not finished the president Letter and I was not willing to detain the Bearer from Comeing to you I have Sent the president Letter with the Inclosed open that you may perruse them Send the messenger of Directly and Seal the Letter—I at present live in danger of my life every moment being alone none but my wife the neighbours all round me is moved and moveing I intend to Station Some of our or your Militia at my house I being now allmost the frontier and Shall be quite So by Sunday Night I expect to hear of another ingagement in a day or two our people is Reinforceing themselves to overtake them our people Seems to be in high Spirits I hear but I hope it is not true that Wm. Irvine was killd. in the Last ingagement—Dr. Sir be pleased to order Some arms and ammunition with Some flints for our defence Pray if Isham is not Come away I beg youl Send him to assist his mother to Some place of Safety if you Cannot Spare him a Horse Let him Come afoot I expect the Messenger to Come this afternoon which is to bring this —

I am very Scant of paper haveing used what you gave me and one Quire more and have but one Sheet Left and the waggon is not Come which was to bring mine up if any thing material happens you Shall hear from me if Life be Spared me

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I am Dr. Clem as allways your most Hble Sert. to Comd. MATTW. TALBOT

[A postscript has been blotted out.]

To CLEMT. READ, ESQ. Lunenburgh.